(d) whether Government has considered this report; and

(e) if so, what action Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supreme Court notice on unrecognized degrees

98. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued notices to Centre, States and Medical Council of India on unrecognized degrees issued to medicos;

(b) if so, what are the details of the notice issued by Supreme Court to the Centre/States;

(c) what are the steps being taken by his Ministry in this regard; and

(d) whether any directive has been issued by the Supreme Court in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Supreme Court has issued notice in West Bengal (Civil) No.124/2008 in the matter of Dr. Mukesh Yadav and Ors. *Vs* Union of India. The petitioners in this case have prayed to issue directions to respondent *i.e.* Medical Council of India to take steps for grant of recognition of degree/diploma of various medical colleges in a time bound manner while allowing admissions to these courses without affecting the rights of those who already possess these degrees/diplomas. No directive has been issued by the Supreme Court in this regard so far.

Outsourcing of clinical trials

99. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that during 1996-2000, the United States had outsourced 4230 clinical trials to India and during 2001-2005 the outsourced clinical trials were 12022;

(b) if so, whether a survey conducted by ASSOCHAM has estimated that by 2010 outsourcing to us will be 546 million dollars from the current level of 150 million dollars; and

(c) whether trained doctors and other para-medical staff will be available by that time so that this potential of job opportunities and foreign exchange earnings is fully taken advantage of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. Permission to conduct Clinical trials are being

granted under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. Global Clinical Research Development was permitted in India only after amendment of Schedule Y and said rules in 2005.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is no shortage of manpower to boost Clinical Research in the country. A large pool of Doctors and Para-medical staff are available. Private training institutions like Indian Clinical Research Institute (ICRI) is also coming up in the country.

Polio eradication

100. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of polio infection among children is rising in various States even after being administered several rounds of vaccine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have conducted survey to find out the exact number of children still affected by polio;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the new strategies to be adopted to ensure wipe out of polio virus in children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) The surveillance activities of polio programme is undertaken by National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP) since 1998. Stool samples of Acute Flaccid Paralysis cases are collected and tested in WHO accredited laboratories for detection of polio virus.

(e)
- Supplementary Immunization Activities are undertaken almost every month in endemic districts.
- In response to detection of polio cases in polio free areas Mop Up immunization activities are being implemented.
- The monovalent oral polio vaccine type 1 and monovalent oral polio vaccine type 3 are being used in the endemic States/districts to finish wild polio virus type 1 and type 3 circulation from the country.

Side effects of drugs in babies

101. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the researchers have found that certain drugs increase asthma risk in babies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;